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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The 2006 Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held July 28-30, 2006, in DeKalb; and

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WHEREAS, The square dance is a popular type of folk dance in the United States; this dance for four couples, or groups of four couples, is performed in a compact framework of a square, each couple forming a side; traditionally accompanied by a fiddle, accordion, banjo, and guitar, the couples perform a variety of movements prompted by the patter or singing calls (instruction) of a "caller"; cooperative movement is the hallmark of well-executed square dancing; and

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WHEREAS, The origin of the square dance can be traced to English derivation and to the stately French cotillion performed in square formation that was popular at the court of Louis XIV, later replaced by the quadrille (another square dance); and

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WHEREAS, The State Council of Illinois Square Dance Associations was formed on May 7, 1983, to promote square dancing in all its forms, including square dancing, round dancing, contra dancing, line dancing, etc.; and

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WHEREAS, The square dance was adopted as the American Folk Dance of the State of Illinois in 1990 by an act of the General Assembly; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in recognition of the Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention, we name the week of July 23 through July 29, 2006, Square and Round Dance week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

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2 Associations as an expression of our esteem.